

service, which is the key ingredient in their success. In order to ensure that their customers receive personal attention and the highest quality product, Dennis and Carol personally hand-pack and label each and every jar.

Mother's Mountain creations have received extraordinary reviews from *Maine Magazine* and *Eat Around Maine*. In addition to selling its homemade goods, Mother's Mountain also provides appetizing recipe ideas to its customers using their products. Mother's Mountain also produces delectable items for other Maine-based companies, such as L.L. Bean.

Small businesses like Mother's Mountain are the lifeblood of our economy, and indicative of the great entrepreneurial spirit that is alive and well in Maine. I congratulate Carol and Dennis, for operating such a successful business from the ground up out of their home, and commend them for passing down this strong work ethic through three generations. I am proud to celebrate Mother's Mountain's 30th year anniversary, and offer my best wishes for their continued success.●

TRIBUTE TO KIRK KLANCKE

● Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. President, today I recognize Kirk Klancke, an angler and true Coloradan known for his commitment to preserving our environment and making Colorado a better place to live, work and play.

Kirk was recently selected as a finalist for Field and Stream Magazine's prestigious Heroes of Conservation Award. He was chosen based on his leadership and commitment to an effort he has led to preserve the Fraser River. This achievement goes to show how important his water conservation work in the West has been, and I want to take this opportunity to acknowledge his significant contributions to the State of Colorado.

Both Kirk and I have spent time enjoying the natural beauty of our State while appreciating the value of preserving it for future generations. Kirk's longstanding dedication to these values has not only ensured that we can fully enjoy what Colorado has to offer, but that our kids will too. His work embodies what I have long held to be true—we don't inherit the Earth from our parents; we borrow it from our children and the generations that will follow.

Currently serving as president of the Colorado River Headwaters Chapter of Trout Unlimited, Kirk leads a team improving watersheds, restoring trout populations and keeping our rivers and streams healthy. More specifically, Kirk has been instrumental in efforts to conserve waters of the Fraser River and ensure their use for generations to come. As one example of this work, he has spearheaded the removal of highway traction sand from the water, which impedes flow and the ability of trout to spawn.

Colorado has reaped many benefits from his efforts as a capable conserva-

tionist that understands this delicate work and how to overcome the challenge of building consensus around water-use solutions. Among others, he sits on the Grand County Water Information Network Board and the Colorado River Basin Roundtable. Formerly serving on the Fraser Sanitation District Board of Directors, and now as manager of the Winter Park Ranch Water and Sanitation District, Kirk's contribution to one of Colorado's most precious resources—our water—continues to be vital to the health of the Fraser Valley community and our State's water supplies.

I commend Kirk for his recognition as a Field and Stream Hero of Conservation, and I wish him well in his continued efforts to keep Colorado's natural resources healthy.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Pate, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:47 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that it had passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1025. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to recognize the service in the reserve components of certain persons by honoring them with status as veterans under law.

H.R. 1263. An act to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to provide surviving spouses with certain protections relating to mortgages and mortgage foreclosures, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2074. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to require a comprehensive policy on reporting and tracking sexual assault incidents and other safety incidents that occur at medical facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to improve rehabilitative services for veterans with traumatic brain injury, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2302. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to notify Congress of conferences sponsored by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2349. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the determination of annual income with respect to pensions for certain veterans, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a pilot program to assess the skills of certain employees and managers of the Veterans Benefits Administration, and for other purposes.

At 6:30 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by

Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that it had passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3078. An act to implement the United States-Colombia Trade Promotion Agreement.

H.R. 3079. An act to implement the United States-Panama Trade Promotion Agreement.

H.R. 3080. An act to implement the United States-Korea Free Trade Agreement.

The message also announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2832) to extend the Generalized System of Preferences, and for other purposes.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 1025. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to recognize the service in the reserve components of certain persons by honoring them with status as veterans under law; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 2681. An act to provide additional time for the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to issue achievable standards for cement manufacturing facilities, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-3545. A communication from the Associate Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Sudanese Sanctions Regulations; Iranian Transactions Regulations; Final Rule"